Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 25 May 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 26 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 24 May 2021 at 16:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a showery outlook for the first couple of days followed by some more settled conditions later in the week. Some uncertainty as to amount of showers on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 25 May 2021: Outbreaks of rain or sleet, becoming brighter and with less showers later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 25 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	70%	50%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Tuesday 25 May 2021

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain and sleet overnight will lead to a dull and wet start on Tuesday. Some brighter or sunny spells will develop in the morning however there will be showers over the hills, drier for more easterly ranges. During the afternoon the showers will get less frequent with more in the way of sunshine particularly for more northern ranges. Showers will tend to die out in the evening with a generally bright and clear evening in the hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% chance, cloud shrouding the munro tops at times especially as showers group together or heavier showers move through the area, more northerly hills will see more in the way of lower cloud.

Visibility: Visibility is likely be poor early in the morning with cloud bases around 400m especially in the north around Assynt and Torridon. During the morning the cloud bases will lift and break to be above the summits but will lower once again in any heavier showers or when showers group to give longer spells of rain, then bases will be around 600m temporarily. Further south west around Knoydart and Morar tops will generally be clear. Out with showers in the afternoon visibility will be very good with good views likely and showers should be easy to spot approaching.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	24/31 N	25/32 N	25/32 N	16/22 N	12/17 N	12/17 N	13/19 N	11/15 N	12/16 N
900	22/28 N	24/31 N	24/31 N	16/22 N	12/18 N	12/17 N	13/19 N	10/14 N	11/14 N
600	17/24 N	18/25 N	19/26 N	14/20 N	11/17 N	11/16 N	11/17 N	7/12 N	6/9 N
300	6/23 N	7/26 N	10/27 N	8/20 N	6/15 N	9/17 N	8/17 N	5/13 N	3/12 N
Glen	10/23 N	9/22 N	13/26 N	13/23 N	8/15 N	9/15 N	10/18 N	9/15 N	4/8 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	2/-4	3/-1	4/-0	4/-1	2/-2	2/-2
900	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	4/-0	4/0	4/0	3/-1	2/-2
600	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	5/0	6/3	7/4	7/4	5/3	4/2
300	6/4	6/3	6/3	7/5	8/7	10/8	10/8	7/6	6/5
Glen	8/5	8/6	8/6	10/7	12/10	12/10	12/10	9/7	8/7
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1100m	1200m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1200m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling very cool again in fresh northerly winds especially in heavier showers with sleet, quite a wintery feel with freezing level around the highest summits in the morning.

Forecast for Wednesday 26 May 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight with a few showers expected, some areas in the west will likely stay dry overnight. Some sunny spells developing and then a few showers during the morning. These will die out in the afternoon with some bright and sunny conditions likely, a dry and clear night ahead, feeling warmer by the afternoon too.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 10-15 mph falling very light later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, tops generally clear but perhaps a few patches of cloud early in the morning and in any heavier showers especially for northern peaks.

Visibility: Generally very good visibility in the northerly airstream but visibility dipping in any heavier showers and if cloud gathers over munro tops for a time.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 13 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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